

In the Claims:

1-22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) A mount for securing a sink within an opening in a countertop, said mount comprising:

a body portion ~~having a first longitudinal axis, said body portion including:~~

a leg segment having a first longitudinal axis and proximal and a distal ends disposed at generally opposite ends of said leg segment,

a lip ~~segment~~section having a second longitudinal axis disposed substantially parallel to said first longitudinal axis and a proximal and a distal ~~end~~region disposed along generally opposite ends of said lip segment~~section~~ longitudinal axis;

a first base segment~~section~~ having a third longitudinal axis, wherein said proximal end of said lip segment~~section~~ is secured to said base segment~~section~~ such that said third longitudinal axis is disposed substantially perpendicular to said first and second longitudinal axes, wherein said first base segment includes a proximal and a distal end disposed along generally opposite ends of said first base segment,

and wherein said lip segment is secured to said proximal end of said first base segment and a proximal end of said leg segment is secured to said distal end of said first base segment; and

~~a leg section having a fourth longitudinal axis and proximal and a distal region disposed along generally opposite ends of said fourth longitudinal axis, wherein said proximal region of said leg section is secured to said base section such that said leg segment fourth longitudinal axis is disposed substantially parallel to said lip segment second longitudinal axis and wherein said distal region of said lip section and said distal region of said leg section are disposed along generally opposite ends of said first longitudinal axis; and~~

a second base segment having a fourth longitudinal axis, wherein a distal end of said leg segment is secured to a first end of said second base segment such that said fourth longitudinal axis of said second base segment is disposed substantially parallel to said third longitudinal axis of said first base segment;

means for securing said body portion to said sink prior to installation of said sink in said countertop opening; and

a flexible sink engagement section including:

a first portion having a first end secured to a second end of said second base segment~~disposed proximate said distal region of said leg section~~ of said body portion; and

a second portion having a first end secured to~~disposed proximate~~ a second end of said first portion, said second portion having a tip adapted to engage a substantially vertical face of said countertop opening when said sink is disposed within said countertop opening, wherein said flexible sink engagement section is configured to directly and deflectably engage against said vertical face of said countertop opening such that said flexible sink engagement section is disposed at a first angle relative to said fourth~~first~~ longitudinal axis of said second base segment~~body portion~~ when in an uninstalled position and is disposed at a second angle relative to said fourth longitudinal axis of said second base segment~~body portion~~ when in said installed position, wherein said second angle is less than said first angle.

24. (Currently Amended) The mount as claimed in claim 23 wherein said means for securing includes:

a first aperture disposed through said first base segment~~section~~; and

a fastener ~~adapted to be~~ disposed through said first aperture, said fastener having a head portion adapted to engage ~~said~~ sink channel.

25. (Currently Amended) The mount as claimed in claim 24 wherein said means for securing further includes a second aperture disposed through said second base segment~~flexible sink engagement section along said first longitudinal axis of said body~~, wherein said fastener is disposed ~~adapted to pass through~~ said first and said second apertures in said first and second base segments respectively.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) The mount as claimed in claim 23 wherein said first portion of said flexible sink engagement

section is disposed at an angle (A1) relative to said second base  
segment~~body-portion~~, wherein said angle (A1) is between about  
120~~30~~ and about 60~~150~~ degrees in said unbiased position.

29. (Currently Amended)           The mount as claimed in claim 23  
wherein said second portion is disposed at an angle (A2) relative  
to said first portion~~lip-section~~, wherein said angle (A2) is  
between about 105 and about 120~~30~~ degrees in said unbiased  
position.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Cancelled)
32. (Cancelled)
33. (Cancelled)
34. (Cancelled)